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INDO- MYANMAR TRADE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the unofficial trade between North Eastern Region and Myanmar is much larger in volume in comparison to the official volume of trade;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has any plan to expand the scope of Indo-Myanmar trade particularly the Indo-Myanmar border trade;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to amend the existing Bilateral Border Trade Agreement with Myanmar to curb unofficial trade between NE region and Myanmar and expand the scope and volume of trade; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (b) No case of unofficial trade has come to notice. The volume of trade between India and Myanmar over the last 6 years is as follows:

(Value in US million $)

Year	Export	Import	Total
2001-02	60.89	374.43	435.32
2002-03	75.07	336.04	411.12
2003-04	89.64	409.01	498.66
2004-05	113.19	405.91	519.11
2005-06	110.7	525.96	636.66
2006-07	140.06	782.54	922.59

(c) to (f) An Agreement on Border Trade was signed between India and Myanmar on 21.1.94, which was operationalised on 12.4.95. Issues pertaining to India - Myanmar bilateral trade are discussed between the two countries from time to time.